

THE HOEDOWNER

July-August

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SALEM: Notes from our President: My wife and I had some car trouble on our way to Weiser, Idaho, which caused us to miss some of the activities. But we did see the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows and my advise to anyone who has not been to the National Contest at Weiser is to go see it. It was great. Let me say to all the fiddlers who took part in the Brownsville fiddling show, "Thank you all for a very good performance." And from all the comments I heard, our show was a big success. Thanks to all the people in Brownsville who helped to make the show possible.

Thank you all for a good turn out at Oregon City the 14th. We had 94 present and a wonderful dinner. Our next pot-luck and jam session will be August 11th at the Williamette Community Grange Hall, 7 miles south of Corvallis on old 99W.

Our State Fair fiddling contest will be held on Oldtimer's Day, August 27th. All contestants should be there and registered by 11:30 a.m. as the show is scheduled for 12 o'clock noon. In both the senior and open classes the prizes are: 1st-\$40, 2nd-\$30, 3rd-\$20, 4th-\$10. The judges will be Bob Hawes, Bill Weber, and Pop Powers. There will be no entry fee in this contest. All contestants will be admitted free to the fairgrounds. Hope to see you all August 11th.

Don Leith

McMINNVILLE: Quips from our Secretary: Well, the last 2 months we've been a lot of places and done a lot of things--mostly fiddlin! Edna and I have learned something about living in a camper. You have to really like the person you are traveling with in a home on wheels!

We fiddlers owe our President a real vote of thanks for the fine plaque he presented to the State Champion this year. This trophy has the previous winners' names engraved on it with room for many more. This is a very fine gesture indeed on Don's part and we do appreciate it!

The American Heritage Music Corporation is now ready to sell security agreements to anyone interested in our recording company. I'll make my first album soon in Boise, Idaho. Others in our company also have immediate plans for records. Contact Harold Allen, Rusty Modrell, or myself for particulars.

Bill Yohey

CANYON CITY: On June 7th and 8th, the annual fiddlin' contest was held at Canyon City in connection with their 162 Days Celebration. Those Eastern Oregon fiddlers and their wives certainly know how to "play host", as they served a most bountiful meal to all fiddlers and their families on Saturday night before the finals. Winners were:

Intermediate Contest

- 1- Ivan McDaniels
- 2- Emil Domas
- 3- Clay Claughton
- 4- Giffond McIntosh
- 5- John Murray

Open Contest

- 1- Harold Allen
- 2- Bill Yohey
- 3- Loyd Wanzer
- 4- Rusty Modrell
- 5- Pete Haynes
- 6- Jimmy Baker
- 7- Edna Jenkins
- 8- Cliff Buker

BROWNSVILLE: During the recent Brownsville Pioneer Picnic celebration, on the evening of June 15, 1968, several members of the Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association entertained the audience with the following numbers as a group to open the event: In The Good Old Summertime, Ragtime Annie, and Bill Bailey; closing with: When You and I Were Young, Maggie, Red Wing, and Till We Meet Again. Those participating were: Cliff Buker, Bill Yohey, who also acted as accompanist on the mandolin, Stan Edwards, Mervin Dickerson, Clarence Greenlund, Harold Allen, who also played the mandolin as an accompanist, and Charlie Johnson. Those acting as accompanists were: Don Simons, Marshall Jackson, guitar, Ed Gorham, Bass, as well as Mrs. Cliff Buker on the piano, as accompanist for her husband. Special numbers were heard by: Harold Allen and Bill Yohey, duet; and Clarence Greenlund and Stan Edwards, duet.

Mr. Hal "Casey" Landon, a member of the Brownsville Pioneer Picnic Association, acted as M.C. and gave a heartfelt thanks to the fiddlers for the entertainment, as well as an invitation to come back next year.

Mrs. Don Hawes

WEISER: On June 19-22 the National Contest was held at Weiser, Idaho. There were 61 fiddlers entered in the regular open contest this year. It takes from Wednesday morning until Saturday night (six rounds of eliminations) to come up with the winners. The 1968 winners are: 1st-Herman Johnson of Shawnee, Oklahoma, 2nd-Loyd Wanzer, Caldwell, Idaho, 3rd-Harold Allen, Corvallis, Oregon, 4th-Bill Long, Billings, Montana, 5th-Dwayne Youngblood, Payette, Idaho. Seniors: 1st-Alvin Sanderson, Washington, 2nd-Van Cunningham, California, 3rd-Cliff Buker, Oregon. Juniors: 1st-Sammy Bush, Kentucky, 2nd-Doug Jenkins, Idaho, 3rd-John Francis, Washington, 4th-Scott Ward, Calif, 5th-Faye Frisbee, Idaho. Ladies: 1st-Virginia Manes, 2nd-Vivian Williams, 3rd-Jana Grief, Oregon, 4th-Vivian Skeans, Idaho, 5th-Mary Sharpe, Washington.

CONDON: On July 4th the Gilliam County Jaycees sponsored an oldtime fiddlin' contest. Immediately following the finals, we all enjoyed the marvelous fireworks. This is "billed" as the biggest fireworks display in the entire state, and I'm sure that must be right! Winners were:

Intermediate Contest

- 1- Frank Howe
- 2- Ivan McDaniels
- 3- Bob Stevens
- 4- Dallas Goff
- 5- Clay Claughton
- 6- Barney Swan
- 7- Gifford McIntosh
- 8- Gary Claughton

Open Contest

- 1- Harold Allen
- 2- Loyd Wanzer
- 3- Bill Yohey
- 4- Rusty Modrell
- 5- Don Gish
- 6- Pete Haynes
- 7- Charlie Johnson
- 8- Rod Davis

MOLALLA: On July 6th the Oregon State Championship was held at Molalla. It was a fine show, with Vivian Williams and the Tall Timber Boys providing special entertainment. All the fiddlers would like to thank Jake Haynes and his lovely wife for their warm hospitality, which extended "over and above the call of duty!!" Winners were:

Regular Contest

- 1st- Harold Allen
- 2nd- Jimmy Miller
- 3rd- Bill Yohey
- 4th- Rusty Modrell
- 5th- Pete Haynes

Senior Contest

- 1st- Charlie Johnson
- 2nd- Tony Descombez
- 3rd- Bill Weber

OREGON CITY: The monthly Oldtime Fiddlers Jamboree, beginning with a pot-luck dinner, was held July 14th and enjoyed by members and friends. Following the dinner the following fiddlers entertained the audience with their favorite selections. Beginning with the entire group appearing on stage and playing several numbers before they played

individually: "Pop" Powers, Bill Weber, Mervin Dickerson, Marshall Jackson, who doubled as an accompanist on his guitar, and made his first appearance in public as a fiddle player; Ludwig Grimm, a newcomer from Sherwood, George Jenkerson, Fred Hildebrandt, Bill Rounsavell, accompanied by his wife on the piano; Sig Blexrude, Albert A. Hadler, Charlie Johnson, Jimmy Miller, who also accompanied several numbers on the guitar and mandolin, Agnes James, also acting as accompanist on the piano, Bill Wilson, John W. Bruhl, accompanied by his wife on the piano, Don Haynes, George Cieoha, Katy Warner, and Walt Larson.

Other accompanists were: Ed Gorham, bass, Jim Miller, Jr. mandolin and guitar, Wes Brunson, guitar, Rusty Knight, guitar, and Frank Warner, guitar. Special numbers were by: Katy Warner and Fred Hildebrandt on their fiddles and Jimmy Miller, Jr. and Jimmy Miller Sr. on fiddle guitar and mandolin.

Following the entertainment by the fiddlers, the floor was cleared and a period of dancing was enjoyed by many of those present.

Mrs. Don Hawes

COTTAGE GROVE: On July 19 a fiddlin' contest was held in connection with the annual Bohemia Mining Days Celebration. This contest was first organized and started by the late Larry Stratton and the first place winner each year is awarded the Stratton Traveling Trophy, which is then passed on the following year to the next winner. This year the huge trophy went to Jimmy Miller, 2nd- Harold Allen, 3rd- Bill Yohey, 4th- Rusty Modrell, 5th- Earl Willis. Senior winners were: 1st- Earl Willis, 2nd- Charlie Johnson, 3rd- Cliff Buker. This was one of the best fiddlin' shows of the season, with special numbers given by Jim Miller and son Tom, and also DeVerne Webb of Canada gave a special demonstration of Canadian-type fiddlin'. Extra-added-attraction was "Dess's Dirty Dozen" starring Dess Jenkins on her gut-bucket. We never did figure out if Dess was accompanying Dave Hite or if Dave was accompanying Dess, but it was mighty good listening, anyhow! Bill Jenkins was the very able M.C. for this show and added much to the success of the show.

NEWS FROM EASTERN OREGON: The Eastern Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association held election of officers and attended to other items of business following a picnic dinner held at Holliday Park near Mt. Vernon on July 7. Those elected for the ensuing year: Ivan McDaniel, President; Clay Claughton, Vice-President; Jackie Swan, Secretary; Ila McIntosh, Treas. Board of Directors: Leonard Davis, Emil Domas, Gifford McIntosh, Barney Swan, Gene Vaughan, Jimmy Baker, Ray Sherwood, and John Murray. Reporter, Eva Murray.

A nice letter from Nell Turner of Amity tells us why she has been among the missing at all our jam sessions and doings recently. In her own words "On the night of May 18, I got a little too tired, wrecked my car, a light pole, a house, and a few other things, and ended up in the hospital." Nell says she just wants everyone to know she hasn't quit us and hopes to get on the ball again soon and play accompaniment for some of the fiddlers.

If any of our membership is interested in an 8 string fiddle, you might see Tony Descombez at Hillsboro. He'll be pleased to show it and play it for anyone who stops by.

**REMEMBER - The Fiddlin' Show at the Tillamook County Fair on August 10.
Contest at Canyonville, Oregon on August 24th (Saturday afternoon)**

That's the fiddlin' news till now. See you on August 11th.